

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 18, 1898, with transcript

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) BELL. Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S., Wednesday, May 18, 1898. My darling Mabel:

Your letters though short are a great comfort to me. I read every word and look forward f or your letter in the mail. Your telegrams are just splendid. The whole of Baddeck looks forward as eagerly as I do for the Beinn Bhreagh Bulletin. It seems to bring me nearer to Washington to hear from you the same day you write. The mails are very unsatisfactory. Although the Blue Hill runs from the Grand Narrows every evening the mail comes by land so that it is not delivered till next day.

I telegraphed about this to Premier Murray today as follows:

“People of Baddeck much inconvenienced by delay in the mails. If the mails could be sent from Grand Narrows by Steamer Blue Hill this would save one day and benefit many of your constituents.”

I have received the following reply:

“Have placed matter of better mail service before authorities and have asked them to deal with it promptly.” (signed) G. H. Murray.

I hope this may result in steamboat mails.

My father's wife has been very cordially received here. Ladies Club gave them both a Reception today. I went into town with them. Large meeting.

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Found the sewing school in operation. Mrs. Bell was so much interested that we have invited Miss Cain and Miss Macdonald to 2 dine here tomorrow and talk over school with Mrs. Bell.

Telegram about Miss Yale received. I do hope Mrs. Hubbard will allow the Exhibit to be made as a personal favor to herself on Mr. Hubbard's account. We cannot hope to obtain it on any other ground. If Miss Yale has agreed to this for your father's and mother's sake do try to get your mother to acquiesce. This is what she can do to help us .

Hard at work upon statistics of schools for the Deaf — preparing for the summer Campaign.

Lucien has come to pay me a visit and make electrical experiments.

Much love to Ellie — I am sorry I made that mistake about her birthday. I did not forget her birthday but mistook the date — somehow I thought it was the 10th instead of the 8th. I had intended to buy her a special present in Boston but my train being several hours late at Jersey City lost me my connections and I only had a few minutes in Boston.

Your loving husband, Alec.